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Nawiliwili Harbor

AGAIN we urge the business men of Kauai to immediate action on the above matter. The question is still in the hands of the Congressional committee, but will be reported back and acted upon one way or the other at this present session. Its friends in Congress are urgently in need of support. The Honolulu Chamber of Commerce stands ready to back up Kauai in the matter. What is now wanted—and wanted badly—is a strong resolution urging the passage of the harbor item by Congress, unanimously endorsed and voted by the Kauai Chamber of Commerce.

This is no time to quibble over where the harbor shall be located. It has been definitely decided that Nawiliwili shall be the place, and any quibbling at this time will tend to upset the whole works again. We want a harbor. Get the one our friends in Congress are trying to give us first, then, later on, a combined fight may be made for a second one, if found desirable.

Don't quibble. Unite. Grasp the big plum that can now be had, and fight for the other plum, if need be, when the time and opportunity arrives.

THE signing of sixty-three land patents by Governor Pinkham at Honolulu last week brings up the question of why these matters were not attended to before. The parties claiming these lands had "proved" up years before, and spiders had built webs across the pigeon-holes into which the petitions had been cast by executive hands. For what reason these patents were withheld or neglected remains one of the secrets of the administration of Governor Frear. It is assumed, for argument's sake, that the reason was a good one; but it is to be hoped, in the interest of the fulfillment of the homesteading idea, that it may not appear again to interfere with proper and prompt compliance with the law.

REVIEWING the numerous reports and financial statements of the sugar companies, one is led to the conclusion that the model estate of the group is now Lihue Plantation, and that Ewa, which held that distinction so long, has been clearly outpointed in several of the most important particulars. Lihue plantation today, in the matter of development along scientific lines and as a financial proposition, seems to be at the top of the list, speaking volumes in a sentence for the capabilities and good judgment of the gentlemen who have shaped its policies and carried them out.

The colors of the Honolulu Ad. Club are white and purple, so that white suits and hats, with purple trimmings will be in order during the coming "celebration." The Ad. Club has a pennant, which will be brought along in plenty by the excursionists. They also have a yell, which sounds like "H-e-e-yaw! Ad. Club!" and any persons wishing to join in the yell may profitably put in their time practicing it between now and March 27.

THE GOVERNOR of Texas recently asked permission of the United States government to send Texas rangers across the Rio Grande after Mexican invaders of American border territory. It might be a good idea for the United States to give Texas a free hand across the border, and let everybody else turn their backs for about two weeks. There wouldn't be enough Mexican trouble left near the Rio Grande to frighten a rabbit.

It is hoped that every member will be present at the Chamber of Commerce meeting to be held in the Waimea court house at 10 o'clock Thursday morning. Matters of importance to all parts of the island will be brought up for discussion.

EDITORIALLY, January 13, under the heading "Pinkham's Land Policy," THE GARDEN ISLAND said: "In place of abruptly ending the system of leases of lands to the larger estates, engaged in the principal industry of the country, would it not be the sounder policy to negotiate shorter term leases with the present holders, to have continuance to a period when on a careful estimate, it might reasonably be figured that the land may be required for homesteading purposes? A policy of this sort would not obstruct, nor even delay, the campaign of legitimate homesteading; and at the same time the country's chief industry would be, temporarily at least, relieved from an unnecessary peril."

It is most gratifying to learn that the Land Board, at Honolulu, has taken up and adopted this idea, and has even gone one better, in that the lower price of sugar, incident to the new tariff, will be taken into account in figuring the rentals to be charged on such leased areas. Of the change of front on the part of the Land Board, the Star-Bulletin of last Thursday said: "Agreeing on a new policy, conceived to be necessary under the changed conditions of the sugar industry of the islands, a new policy which means short agricultural leases on very reasonable terms, the land commission met this morning at a special session, to consider the application of Pioneer Mill Company for 1700 acres of pasture, and cane land at Waikeolu, in the district of Lalaia, Maui."

The meeting concluded with a proposition made to the company to lease the land for a term of five years, \$5 an acre to be paid annually for the cane acreage 25 cents for the pasture land."

Although the Land Board got off wrong in its attitude on the Kapaa cannery site matter, it is right in the present instance, and is to be credited accordingly. It is to be hoped that Governor Pinkham has also modified the views originally held by him, and is now disposed to view the new and more business-like policy favorably. Homesteading should be encouraged in every possible way. But there is a way to do it without crippling established industries; and the Land Board seems, in this instance, to be on the right track to that end.

THE Federal income tax law provides: "That if any person, corporation, joint-stock company, association, or insurance company liable to make the return or pay the tax aforesaid shall refuse or neglect to make a return at the time or times hereinbefore specified in each year, such person shall be liable to a penalty of not less than twenty dollars nor more than one thousand dollars." What is to be said about those persons on Kauai, for instance, who were not provided with return blanks nor with information as to where and how to obtain blanks? "Ignorance of the law excuses no man" may be quite correct and proper; but when Government requires a citizen to do anything it must first place the tools to work within his reach. This is common-sense law; and it will hold.

THE after-thought to have Sunday's luncheon for the Honolulu Ad. Club under the new wharf shed at Hanalei is a happy one. Everything is clean and nice there, it is a cool spot and there is ample room. Before or after lunch there is the famous Hanalei beach right at hand, where a dip in the surf will probably be a pleasure to many.

It will be necessary, in view of the financial status of the county, to hold up the improvements to the Waimea school until after June; but every effort should be made to undertake the work, beginning with July. The need is already pressing, and, in the natural course of events, will become more so as time goes on.

KAUAI had two more tourists last week, a gentleman and his wife, from British Columbia, landing at Waimea and taking in most of the points of interest. This makes five tourists Kauai has had thus far in 1914. Inasmuch as there were only four the whole of last year, it would seem that they have begun to "come our way."

THE committees in charge of the arrangements for entertaining the Honolulu Ad. Club will need the cooperation of everybody to make of the affair the success it should be. Let the welcome to be given our visitors be hearty all along the line, and let the entertainment be of such a good character that our guests will remember it with pleasure for a very long time.

UNQUESTIONABLY Honolulu must make some effort to eliminate a considerable number of the charges recently imposed for witnessing features of the Carnival.

THE news that the cannery would surely be a go at Kapaa spread like wild-fire over the island a few days ago, and a rush of pineapple plants from Kalaheo to the new homesteads at Waipouli began at once. In a very short time, everything will be humming over there, now that the doubt about the cannery is cleared away. What would have been the situation had the obstructionists at Honolulu had their way? Just the opposite, of course.

We would like to have the Commissioners of Education take up seriously the question of night schools in the country districts for the benefit of boys above the school age, who now spend their evening hours "shooting craps" and in other mischievous pastimes. There is an opportunity for important work in this line. It will cost something, yes, but we believe the people are willing to pay for it.

ALTHOUGH a little slow at first, the baseball teams are getting together and indications of a strong league are increasing every day. Too much importance cannot be attached to the meeting called for next Saturday night. There is nothing like threshing out things before hand and starting off right. It is hoped that every part of the island will be represented in the conference.

THE cotton boll worm, which is giving so much annoyance on Oahu, is not a new importation but has flourished for many years in the Hawaiian Islands—probably in the list of "the oldest inhabitants." It is not so destructive nor so much feared as the boll weevil, and is more easily eradicated. The boll weevil has never appeared in Hawaii. All in all, practically every pest known to cotton, except the boll weevil, exist in Hawaii and have from times unknown. The abundant sunshine, or some other climatic condition, perhaps, have, however, kept these pests down to a considerable extent in the past.

We are awfully sorry that Kuhio is sick; but it seems to have been, in the language of a jester, "one thing after another" to keep him from his post of duty for several months.

Kamaaina Here

Judge Lindsay, who was here last week in a Circuit Court case, is, in a way, a Kauai Kamaaina. Born in Scotland, he arrived here with his father's family at the age of 10 and settled at Molokai. Nearing early manhood, he moved to Honolulu and thence to the island of Hawaii, and was admitted at Kailua to practice in the district courts. Returning again to Honolulu, he went to college, and soon after his arrival back in the Islands was appointed district magistrate at Honolulu. Next, he was appointed a circuit judge and finally, attorney-general of the Territory. He retired from the latter office of his own volition to enter the private practice of law.

Church Rally Sunday

Hawaiian Sunday Schools of the Hanalei neighborhood held a convention in the Hanalei church Sunday morning, which was very largely attended. Reports and exercises were followed by a Juau in the old church. The program as a whole was quite interesting and instructive, and was much enjoyed by the large number of people present.

Hilonian Calls

The steamer Hilonian arrived at Port Allen on Friday, and sailed Sunday night for Hilo. On her way to Hilo, she put in at Honolulu to land Mrs. McBryde, who is ill and journeyed from Port Allen to the city for treatment. The Hilonian brought 500 tons of general cargo, and took away 2,000 tons of sugar and 5 tons of honey.

J. I. Sliva's Eleeele store handles the famous New Zealand butter. Advt.

Auto Accident

While A. R. Robinson and H. Vincent were motoring along opposite the residence of J. H. Moragne Friday evening, a wheel of the machine hit the culvert, breaking four or five spokes. Being in motion, the auto skidded to the side but did not overturn. Fortunately no one was hurt.

SUPERVISORS MEET

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County was duly received, and upon the motion of Mr. McBryde, seconded by Mr. Menefoglio, J. H. Moragne was given full authority to purchase material at a cost not to exceed thirty dollars (\$30) for the use of the instructor.

Reports (P 968) on school buildings etc. etc., from Makaweli for the month of January last, and from Anahola, Haena, Hanalei, Hanamaulu, Kalaheo, Kekaha, Koloa, Lihue, Makaweli, Mana, Waialua and Waimea, respectively, for the month of February last, were also received and ordered placed on file.

Mr. McBryde, for the committee made a favorable report on Financial Reports Nos. 145, 145a, 145aa, and 145b, for the month of January last and upon his recommendation the same were approved.

Financial Reports Nos. 147, 147a, 147aa, and 147b, for the month of February last were received and referred to Mr. McBryde, of the Finance Committee, for report.

A detailed statement (P 965) from the Waiala Electric Co. Ltd., showing its receipts and expenditures during the six months from July, 1913, to December 31, 1913, was received and ordered placed on file.

A communication (P 966) from H. P. Wood, secretary of the Hawaii Promotion Committee, enclosing a copy of a letter from the clerk of the county of Maui, relative to an appropriation of \$50.00 per month by the Maui Board of Supervisors towards promotion work in the Territory of Hawaii, and requesting similar action by this Board was duly received and after careful consideration of the matter the request was denied.

The contract, in triplicate copies, between the Superintendent of Public Works, of the one part, and the County of Kauai, of the other part for the construction of a certain road in the Kalaheo Homesteads, District of Koloa, County of Kauai, was received and the same were duly signed by the members of the Board present.

The report (P 971) of the county road supervisor for the month of February just passed was duly received and ordered placed on file. This report is in substance as follows:

"Preparations were made for filling the trestle approach to the Waimea bridge and the work of filling with the boulders begun.

Repairs on road from Mana school-house towards the Barking Sands was completed.

In Koloa District—only cantonier road work was done on road.

In Lihue District—regarding was done on the Huleia road from the end of macadam towards Huleia and finished to a point near the Ry. crossing.

Work on the relocation of the road from the courthouse to jail road was carried on by prison labor and good work is being done.

The Kapaa grade Lihue side was spiked and resurfaced with sand doing away with the oil; the Hanamaulu grade is being treated likewise and will be finished this week.

The road from Koolau school-house back to Kealia was mostly rounded up with good results. All of this stretch was put in good condition.

I made agreement with Japanese to break stone for macadamizing at Hanalei bridge.

Water Works—Trenching for water pipes to the new Kalaheo Homesteads is well under way and pipe laying begun. This new pipe will be connected to the present 2" pipe which leads from the hills to the government spring and by the use of a float valve at the outlet of said 2" pipe at Govt. spring the full pressure from the hills will be available in the new water works at times.

Schools—A new open air school-room was built at Koloa school. Also one at Kapaa school and both are now ready for use except desks.

There are plenty of old wooden desks at Kalaheo school which might be used temporarily.

Upon motion of Mr. McBryde seconded by Mr. Menefoglio, J. H. Moragne was authorized to purchase desks and furniture for the schools at Koloa, Kapaa and Haena, respectively.

Upon his own request Mr. McBryde, to whom was referred petitions Nos. 947 and 962, respectively, received from J. W. Aka and Wm. Elliot, for appointment to the office of superintendent of the water works at Lawai, in Koloa District, was given further time to report on the petitions.

Upon the motion of Mr. McBryde, which was duly seconded, the chairman was given full power to make arrangements for installing telephones in the offices of the County Attorney, the County Sheriff, the County Auditor and the County Clerk, in the new County Building.

The verbal offer of Dr. Putman, of Lihue, and Dr. Waterhouse, of Koloa, through the chairman, of professional services that may be rendered to the County hereafter as follows:

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was duly received and expressing appreciation of the timely offer of the gentlemen, the same was accepted upon the motion of Mr. McBryde, seconded by Mr. Ekekela.

Upon motion of Mr. Ekekela, chairman, the committee to whom was referred for report and advice the bill (P 945) providing for the catching and impounding of estrays found on public highways, was given until next meeting to report on the bill.

For road work for the ensuing month in the different districts each of the districts except Koloa, was allowed eight hundred dollars. For Koloa, three hundred dollars.

Upon motion of Mr. McBryde, duly seconded, Mr. Moragne was authorized to make satisfactory arrangements with the contractor, Geo. W. Mahikoa, for building a culvert on the new road to the Kapaa Homesteads.

On the Board's own motion the chair was authorized to counter-sign a bill for freight charges for some pipe received for the Kalaheo water works upon presentation of the same duly verified by the proper official.

The offer (P 967) of Messrs. E. O. Hall & Son, Ltd., to import game birds for Kauai County was received and after due consideration and upon motion of Mr. McBryde, seconded by Mr. Menefoglio, the offer was accepted and the chair was authorized to order about one hundred of the birds to be imported for the use of the County of Kauai. The board accepted also the offer of W. Henry Rice, of Lihue, to take care of the birds when they arrive.

Upon his own motion Mr. Menefoglio was permitted to put in extra water pipe for the use of the Haena school.

At 12:00 m. the meeting was adjourned, subject to the call of the chair.

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